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POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Riverside Avenue Site - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #6
Riverside Avenue Site
02PC
Newark, NJ
Latitude: 40.7670135 Longitude: -74.1593681

To: Andrew Raddant, Department of Interior
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Date: 11/7/2011

Reporting Period: 10/29/11 thru 11/04/11

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	02PC	Contract Number:	EP-S2-10-01
D.O. Number:	0038	Action Memo Date:	8/23/2011
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	9/30/2011	Start Date:	10/17/2011
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	NJSFN0204232	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Time-Critical CERCLA Removal Action

1.1.2 Site Description

The Riverside Avenue Site is an abandoned industrial facility on the banks of the Passaic River. Since the early 1900s the Site had been used for many businesses, including a paint manufacturer, a packaging company, and a chemical warehouse. It consists of two abandoned buildings on approximately two

acres. The property is owned by the City of Newark and was acquired in tax foreclosure proceedings.

1.1.2.1 Location

29 Riverside Avenue, Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, between the Passaic River and Mcarter Highway.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Ten abandoned 12,000-15,000 gallon USTs containing hazardous wastes have been identified on the property. Approximately 100 3,000 -10,000 gallon ASTs have been identified in the buildings, many of which have been sampled for hazardous materials. Two tanks containing an oily wastes have been identified in the basement of one of the buildings. A number of 55-gallon drums and smaller containers have been observed in the buildings.

In addition, there are a number of sumps that may contain hazardous substances.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

The preliminary assessment was completed in 2010. Two basement tanks in one building and the sumps of the other building have been sampled for hazardous waste characterization. See Documents Section for results of the site assessment sampling/analytical.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

See Profile section.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

OSC Lucarino was at Riverside to oversee removal operations during this time period.

ERRS continued wrapping asbestos with plastic in working areas. Sweep up and bag of paint chips, asbestos fibers, and other floor debris in work areas has commenced.

Preparations initiated for entry into Building #12 basement (Ladder, safety harness, SCBA) for week of 11/07/11.

On 11/01/11, OSC Daly met with EPA Region 02 management (RPB/Enforcement) to review site priorities, future sampling efforts, and interaction with other EPA programs.

Analytical results for UST samples, soil surrounding the UST, from Building #7 Basement (aqueous/sediment) were received by KEMRON Chemist. Summary of findings are pending.

On 11/04/11, two more building on the 29 Riverside Avenue Property (Buildings #13 and #19) were brought to EPA attention. There appears to be improper staging of incompatible hazardous materials in Building # 13. Tax maps show these buildings /Lot to belong to the City of Newark. An Ardmore Inc. representative informed EPA that the storage building was being used by Ardmore, Inc. There are no signs of electricity or fire suppression in this building.

According to EPA ORC, Building #15 is located on City of Newark property.

OSC Daly contacted City of Newark Representatives (Fire Department, OEM, and technical personnel),

NJDEP, USCG, EPA RCRA, and EPA RMP regarding Buildings #13, #15, and #19.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

EPA met with representatives from the City of Newark on the site on 11/09/09 to discuss the history of the site and the City's environmental assessment activities for the property to date. EPA will work with the City of Newark to identify PRPs for the site. During the 2/11/2011 recon the OSC discovered paperwork in a former office area bearing the logo of "Ted Frey Industries" and "Abrachem Logistics", both companies are believed to have operated at this location in the past. However, from prior knowledge at another Superfund site, both of these companies went bankrupt and ceased to exist years ago. The OSC has identified three other PRPs and will work with regional ORC to gather additional information regarding these PRPs.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Evaluate analytical, acquire samples of containers in Buildings #7/#12, remove contents and bulk for disposal.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

See above.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Continue removal activities in conformance with the Site Work Plan.

2.2.2 Issues

none

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

2.4.1 Narrative

An Action Memo in the amount of \$1,175,000 was approved on 8/23/2011 for this removal action.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

n/a.

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

USCG

NJ Division of Criminal Justice

City of Newark OEM

City of Newark Fire Department

NJDEP

4. Personnel On Site

1-Response Manager

3-Techs

1-Foreman

1-Field Accountant

2-Operators

1-T&D Coordinator/Chemist (Off-Site hours authorized)

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.